

## Yuletide Greetings

DEAR CUSTOMERS AND FRIENDS:

THIS IS CHRISTMAS TIME—THE SEASON OF GOOD CHEER—AND WE DESIRE TO EXPRESS OUR HEARTY APPRECIATION FOR YOUR PATRONAGE DURING THE PAST YEAR AND TO WISH YOU A VERY MERRY XMAS AND A HAPPY PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

IN THE SPIRIT OF THE SEASON WE CANNOT HELP BUT REMEMBER YOU AS ONE OF OUR MANY FRIENDS WHOSE CO-OPERATION HAS ENABLED US TO DEVELOP THAT HIGH DEGREE OF SERVICE WHICH CONTINUALLY IS INCREASING OUR PATRONAGE.

WE TRUST THAT OUR SERVICE TO YOU HAS BEEN SUCH AS WILL MERIT ITS CONTINUANCE. OUR EARNEST WISH IS THAT WE MAY SERVE YOU INCREASINGLY IN THE COMING MONTHS.

YOUR GOOD WILL IS THE PRICELESS ASSET WHICH WE ESTEEM AND VALUE BEYOND MEASURE. AND AGAIN WE WISH YOU AND YOURS THE MERRIEST CHRISTMAS AND THE HAPPIEST NEW YEAR YOU HAVE EVER HAD.

CORDIALLY YOURS,

### Smith Brothers

—PHONE 37—

Miss Daffin Lowery has returned from Womans College for the holidays.

**FOR SALE.**  
Satsuma trees 50 cts to \$1.00. Bassett & Watkins Nursery, Troy, Alabama.

Miss Elizabeth Rowe who attends the Womans College at Montgomery has returned to Elba to spend the holidays with home folks.

Mesdames Walter Fountain and Tom Tatum visited in Montgomery Thursday.

Mr. John Garrett, Jr., has returned from Auburn College with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Garrett.

Mrs. R. E. James and little son, Earl, of Havana Cuba are guests of Mrs. James' mother, Mrs. Hattie Conner this week.

## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS.

This year, with all its happenings, approaches the Yule Tide, bringing to our remembrance, amidst our checkered experiences, the choicest blessings from above. Sorrow and disappointment have come to many of our hearts; we miss loved ones who have spent many happy Christmas days with us, but we may know that they are with Him whose birthday we celebrate. This thought should bring to sorrowing hearts comfort and satisfaction.

Through Divine Providence we have been spared with the living, and it is our opportunity to give cheer and sunshine to others. The Savior spoke Peace to the troubled waters. He came to bind up broken hearts. Peace on earth, good will towards man, is the glad song of angels. It is our privilege to herald to the world the good news of His coming. The Christmas spirit is the Christ Spirit. Christmas greetings, the Christian greetings. Ours is the fulfillment of the prophecy:

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulders; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

"When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they came into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshiped him; and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold and frankincense, and myrrh."

Wishing all a happy Christmas.

J. A. Carnley.

**FOR SALE.**  
One 80 H. P. Boiler, 50 H. P. Engine, 94 Berlin Planer, all in fine running shape; also 3 yoke good oxen.  
A. C. Branson, Elba, Ala.

## Christmas Greetings!

WE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY OF EXTENDING OUR VERY BEST WISHES TO OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS FOR THEIR LIBERAL PATRONAGE DURING THE PAST YEAR. WE TRUST THAT YOUR XMAS WILL BE ONE OF MUCH JOY AND HAPPINESS.

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COFFEE COUNTY POOR HOUSES.

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Alabama to provide a fund for the aid of indigent families of volunteers absent in the war, approved Nov. 11th, 1861, to-wit:

Geneva, beat 1—Daniel Miller, Flat Creek, beat 2—John A. Baker.

Old Town, beat 3—Wm. Mason Wellborn, beat 4—J. B. Peacock.

Clintonville, beat 5—Jas. M. Ellis.

Elba, beat 6—J. E. Albritton, Brannens, beat 7—John Me-Baker.

Victoria, beat 8—H. K. H. Horn, Tillman's Mill, beat 9—W. W. Coston.

Danley's X Roads, beat 10—James Coon.

Hay Ridge, beat 11—G. T. Gibson.

Simmons Mill beat 12—C. H. Kyser.

Grants, beat 13—Wiley Chancellor.

Bullock, beat 14—A. H. Justice Preachers Hill, beat 15—Geo. J. Prescott.

At this term of the Court James Coon was paid by the County \$6.00 for beef furnished H. Kimbro, and \$5.80 for beef furnished Sicily Lindsay, whose husbands are gone to the war. Thomas M. Grant was paid by the County \$25.70 for 257 lb. of beef furnished fair Jackson, wife of Willis Jackson who is now in Capt. Laird's Company in the war. J. B. Huggins was paid by the County \$7.50 for 131 lb. of beef furnished Mrs. Dunnivant, wife of George Dunnivant who is now in Capt. Laird's Company in the war. J. B. Huggins was also paid for beef furnished Malinda Cameron, mother of J. Cameron who left for the war. These and many other such claims were paid out of the soldiers aid fund.

(To be continued.)

**NOTICE OF SALE.**  
Notice is hereby given that under provisions of Civil Code No. 4, 1923, Section 893, Page 286 that on the 2 day of Jan. 1924 I will offer for sale one yellow heifer yearling at my residence in Beat 10. Said sale to satisfy a lien for pasturage and cost of sale.  
Beat 10, Coffee County, Ala.  
This 21 day of Dec. 1923.  
J. A. Nolin.

## CHRISTMAS Announcement!

WE WISH TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE HAVE REMODELED OUR PLACE, AND CAN GIVE YOU BETTER SERVICE. WE ALSO HAVE THE BEST

"HOT DOGS" FOR 5c  
SERVED IN REGULAR STYLE. WE HOPE TO HAVE YOUR FUTURE PATRONAGE.

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### Judge Pierre D. Costello

SECOND PROBATE JUDGE OF COFFEE COUNTY

Dedicated to His Devoted Wife,  
Mrs. Cordelia A. Costello.

(By Judge J. A. Carnley)

Judge Pierre Darcy Costello was the second Probate Judge of Coffee County. He was born March 22, 1829, in New York city. He was the son of Daniel Edmund and Mary Anna (McNamara) Costello, of Dublin, Ireland.

His parents were reared and educated and married near Dublin, Ireland, his father being educated for the priesthood. They emigrated to New York city where his father died when Pierre D. was a small boy, his mother marrying again to a Mr. O'Flarity. Pierre D. lived with his parents until he was sixteen years old, and domestic surroundings not being congenial, he left home and acquired a good education in New York public schools. He then came south, went to the Mexican War and served on board the U. S. vessel Porpoise, doing gallant service in the Mexican War.

After the Mexican War he came to Alabama, and when but nineteen years old was appointed Probate Judge of Conecuh County to serve from 1849-1850. Completing his appointment term as Probate Judge of Conecuh County, he moved to Greenville, Alabama, and from there he came to Elba and taught school in Elba in 1850. In 1852 or 1853 he moved to Geneva, Alabama, and was engaged in bookkeeping for awhile, and then returned to Elba in 1854 and studied law and was later admitted to the bar, but never practiced his profession of law on account of becoming Probate Judge of Coffee County about September 1, 1855, succeeding Judge James Claxton in this office.

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Mrs. Costello's paternal grand father was William Lee, a native of Virginia and belonged to the distinguished Lee family of that State. Her maternal grand father was John H. Broughton, a South Carolinian who moved to Greene County, Ga. He did service in the Revolutionary War. Her father, Charles Stephen Lee, while in Chambers County, Alabama, was engaged in the Indian Wars and gained the title of Colonel.

Judge Costello was elected Probate Judge of Coffee County on the first Monday in May, 1856, according to a certificate of election on record, showing that he received 337 votes, while James J. Blair received 364 and William J. Stephens 31 votes. However, it appears that Judge Costello became Probate Judge prior to this election and that he began his duties in the office about the 1st of September, 1855, but we are unable to state whether or not he was appointed to fill an unexpired term. The deed and other records in the Probate office show that Judge James

Claxton went out of office about September 1, 1855, when he was succeeded by Judge Costello. In the election certificate of record it appears that James Claxton received 55 votes for County Superintendent of Education, J. G. Moore receiving 690 votes and being elected the first County Superintendent of Education of Coffee County.

Judge Costello's term of office was six years and, namely, in May, 1862, the records showing his last official act on May 24, 1862. From September, 1861, Judge Costello was in the Confederate Army until his death on January 4, 1863. He organized Company K and was elected Captain. He was one of the first to offer his services to the Confederate cause. His company was organized partly from Coffee County and partly from Pike County, and he was assigned to the Alabama Infantry, which regiment operated in the Tennessee Army, fighting at Corinth, Shiloh, in the Mississippi campaign, in the Kentucky campaign, at Perryville, and at Murfreesboro, where he was mortally wounded on January 1, 1863, while leading his men in the charge on that all most impregnable battery, being shot through the lungs. He expired January 4th, 1863. Though in great pain, and fully aware of his impending fate, from the time he received his wound until he expired he bore it all, we are told, in that manly way that betokened his great fortitude and greatness of soul, having been carried to a residence near by where he was kindly cared for. His remains were buried on the battlefield, nothing but a simple board marking his resting place.

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Judge Costello was a prominent Mason, holding membership in Elba Lodge, No. 170, of which he was once W. M., and one of its most active and worthy members. He had four sisters all of whom remained in New York. He was the only member of his family who came South. When the war was taken away, he in a timely manner stated, he left

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ELBA, ALABAMA, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31TH, 1923.

## Happy New Year



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**MRS. SMITH, BELOVED WOMAN, DIES SUDDENLY EARLY MONDAY.**

Mrs. Barbara Smith, one of Elba's most highly esteemed women, died at her home in West Elba Monday morning about seven o'clock. Death came suddenly, and news of her passing was a shock to her many friends throughout Elba and this section.

Mrs. Smith had been in bad health for many months, and for the past several days had been ill, but on Sunday she was able to be up and was thought to be improving. On Monday morning she arose, as usual, but only stayed up a few minutes. Her son, Mr. C. N. Smith, was absent from the room only a few minutes and on returning found that she was in a dying condition, and the end came before medical assistance could be secured.

Mrs. Smith was the widow of the late Capt. W. C. Smith, one of the best known citizens of the county. She had made her home here for a number of years and had scores of friends whom she loved dearly. She is survived by the following children: Mrs. T. J. Whitman and Mrs. A. C. Vaughn, Chipley, Fla.; W. K. Smith, Birmingham, Ala.; A. A. and T. E. Smith, of Shamrock, Texas; W. T. Smith, Detroit, Mich.; A. R. Smith, Springdale, Ark.; O. C. N. O. L. and J. D. Smith and Mrs. O. S. Winston, all of Elba.

The funeral services were held at the Methodist church Tuesday afternoon, Rev. F. M. Lowrey, pastor, officiating. The body was laid to rest in Evergreen cemetery.

The bereaved family has the sincere sympathy of countless friends.

**W. M. S. WILL OBSERVE WEEK OF PRAYER—**

The W. M. S. of the Baptist Church will observe their annual January "Week of Prayer" beginning Monday, January 1st. A program will be given each day, and the week will close on Sunday, January 6th.

The subject of Monday's program will be Japan's need of Christian prayers and gifts—Mrs. W. P. Boyd leader.

Tuesday—Brazil's Need of Prayers and gifts—Mrs. T. C. Mahan leader.

Wednesday—Argentina's need of Prayer and gifts—Mrs. J. C. Baurier leader.

Thursday—Africa's need of Prayer and gifts—Mrs. Dowling leader.

Friday's Program will be given at the Pastorium. The subject of this program will be "Europe's need of Christian Prayers and gifts with Mrs. J. A. Candler as leader."

At this meeting the Ingathering offering will be taken which will be a love gift to be applied on the debt of the Foreign Mission Board. A cordial invitation to be present and have a part in these meetings is extended to everybody of the Baptist Church.

Mr. Morris Law of Thomaston, Ala., spent Sunday in Elba.

Miss Alice Boyd, who teaches at Montevallo spent the holidays in Elba with home folks.

Mrs. D. M. Vaughn, of Panama City, Fla. spent Xmas here with her family.

Miss Francis Newman, of Birmingham was the holiday guest of Miss Mary Olive Carnley.

Mr. and Mrs. George Ryan returned to Elba Friday afternoon after a short wedding trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Crowther of Sylacauga, spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hudson.

Mr. Chas. Davis and son Terry of Birmingham are guests of Elba relatives this week.

**BOYS' CLUB RECENT SHOWS SUCCESS.**

As evidence of the Coffee County bankers interest in a diversified farm program, they financed 40 boys with pure bred gilts in May 1924. These gilts were shown at the Live-stock shows in 1924 and again in December 1925. The boys have long since paid the bankers for their gilts and at the recent shows in Montgomery and Elba a thousand dollars worth of pigs and pure bred hogs were sold by the pig club boys.

J. P. Boyette sold two gilts which he raised for \$70.00. Jack Watson's fall litter from his pure bred sow sold for \$100.00 and other nice sales were made by Eugene Brown, Paul Montes, Romulus, Ellis, Dunree Martin and other club members.

Most all these pigs remain on Coffee County farms and were purchased for breeding purposes. The boys' pig club grows in number of members every year and these boys whom the banks trusted two years ago have fulfilled the bankers expectations in growing some good breeding stock to replenish the abandoned hogs farms of the county. All praise to the bankers for their vision and liberality. All praise to the boys who slop the pigs.

**A Diversified Farm Program For 1926.**

Cotton, Corn, Peanuts, Hogs, Potatoes, Syrup, Standard Poultry, Chickens, and Home Canning on every farm.

Plant cotton? Yes, but double the fertilizer and cut the acreage to the bone. Some peanuts for cash, some for planting, and a bunch of hogs. Let every farm begin now to have several hundred dollars worth of hogs for sale in 1926. If the safe farming program ever did pay it will in the good year 1926. Next week we will write on "How every farm can make \$500.00 in sweet potatoes during 1926."

**REV. GRIDER AND FAMILY MOVE TO TROY.**

Rev. W. T. Grider and family left Wednesday for Troy where they go to make their home. Rev. Grider having accepted the pastorate of the Church of Christ there.

Elba people regret to lose this good family from their midst. During their stay here they have made countless friends who wish for their happiness in their new home.

The Church of Christ here has prospered under the direction of Rev. Grider, and he will be greatly missed. It has not been announced who will take his place here.

Mr. E. P. Davis, of Troy, was a visitor at Elba Tuesday

Dr. and Mrs. Foy Blue of Birmingham spent a few days in Elba the first of the week.

Miss Marie Ham of Montevallo, spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ham.

Mrs. H. A. Jolly and son, of Auburn, were guests of relatives here during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Alford of Fort Myers, Fla. spent the holidays in Elba guests of Mrs. J. Farris.

Messrs. Arnie Brown and Jim Cullens of Ozark were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Whitman Sunday.

Prof. and Mrs. J. J. Farris, of Greenville, were guests of Elba relatives during the holidays.

Miss Clyde Bailey, of Enterprise, was the guest of Miss Lulu Mae Vaughn, the latter part of last week.

POOR ORIGINAL







# MARRIAGE OF MISS HAM AND MR. COLE.

The wedding of Miss Eloise Ham and Mr. Barney Cole, of Opp, was beautifully solemnized at the home of the bride Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The living room was attractively decorated with southern smilax, ferns, and white chrysanthemums.

Mrs. L. C. Powell of Troy played "Sweet And Low" on the saxophone, accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Annie King, of Opp. Mrs. Powell sang "For Love's Sweet Sake" in her usual delightful way.

To the strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding March, played by Mrs. King the bride and groom entered. The impressive ring ceremony was performed by Rev. Childs, pastor of the Methodist Church at Opp.

The bride wore a becoming brown satin dress with a hat of gold lace and other accessories to match and carried a shower bouquet of brides roses. Mrs. Cole is one of Elba's most beautiful young ladies and was unusually so as a bride. She is a member of one of Elba's most prominent families, is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Ham and is a graduate of the S. N. S. at Livingston and student of George Peabody College, Nashville, Tenn. She has taught in the Elba High School for the past few years and is one of its most efficient and beloved teachers.

Mr. Cole is a prominent business man of Opp and has made numerous friends in Elba during his visits here. Immediately after the marriage Mr. and Mrs. Cole left for a bridal tour by way of handsome new automobile which was the gift of the groom's father. After Sunday, January 4th, this splendid couple will be at home to their friends in Opp.

Among the out-of-town guests at the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Cole and Miss Patty Cole, of Opp, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Powell of Troy, Mr. Alto Bryan of Opp and Mrs. Annie Chastain, of Gadsden.

## MONTEVALLO COAL.

Am expecting a car of Montevallo Coal in the next few days. Place your order now. W. B. RAINER.

Miss Madge Page of Montevallo spent the holidays in Elba with home folks.

Dr. and Mrs. Henry Green were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wes Harris Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Vaughn, Jr., have returned from a visit to relatives in South Florida.

Mrs. Donald Hammond, of Dothan, is the guest of her mother here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Rainer of Arion, spent the holidays with Elba relatives.

Mrs. W. O. Vaughn and Mrs. C. P. Hayes spent Monday in Andalusia.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Rowe, of Montgomery, visited relatives at Elba during the Xmas holidays.

Mrs. Julia Sanders and daughter, Miss Francis, of Tuscaloosa spent the holidays in Elba.

Mr. and Mrs. John Davis of Flat Top, are visiting Mrs. Davis' sister, Mrs. W. M. Tucker this week.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. James, of West Palm Beach, Fla., spent the Xmas holidays with relatives in Elba.

Mrs. A. J. Morrow and Miss Zelma Morrow, who live in South Florida, are spending a few days with Elba relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Covington who live in Baldwin county, have been spending a few days with relatives in Elba.

Mr. and Mrs. Haywood Wilham and daughter, Alice Talbot, of Andalusia, S. C., and Miss Elsie Talbot of Dothan were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Tall at the first of the week.

# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sunday morning is the hour for the monthly church conference. Let all be present.

Communion will be observed at night, and the pastor will discuss the supper as a memorial, and desires every member present. All others are invited to worship with us.

Let's start the New Year like we ought, and God will bless us. Come!

T. C. Mahan, Pastor.

There will be a New Year's watch party at the Baptist church Thursday night. From 7 to 8 will be the prayer meeting brought over from Wednesday night. Then there will be a general church social. Music and other entertainment will be furnished. Come and enjoy it with us. —Committee.

Intermediate B. Y. P. U. Subject: The King Who Forgot. Group One in charge.

1. Read Ex. 8:3-15—Elinor Conner.

2. The King Who Forgot—Joseph—Ruth Trawick.

3. The King Who Forgot his own Word—Walt Whitman.

4. The King Who Forgot God—Vernice Donaldson.

5. All study the New Year Verses.

6. Business.

STRAY HOG—Black sow; weight about 150 lb.; one split ear. Please notify J. J. Payne Elba, Alabama.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Pace of Greensboro, are guests of Mr. B. W. Page and family this week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Johnson and children spent the Xmas holidays with relatives in Ozark.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Sanders have returned from Lakeland Fla., where they spent the holidays with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Perdue of Birmingham, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Perdue at Elba.

Mr. and Mrs. George Savage and children, of Montgomery, and Harvey Jones and Clarence Symmonett, of Florida, were guests of Mrs. R. W. Jones during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. John Brunson and children of holidays were guests of Elba relatives Christmas day.

The many friends of Mrs. S. H. Brock will regret to learn that she was carried to an Andalusia hospital Friday and last report is that she has not improved.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Cooper spent Sunday and Monday in Columbus Ga., guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Butler.

Mrs. F. A. Thomas, of Pinkard is visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. G. Wyrosdick.

Mrs. Annie Chastain of Gadsden spent the holidays in Elba with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Ham.

Mr. G. C. Bowden of Atlanta spent a few days in Elba last week. His many friends here are always glad to welcome him back.

Misses Jeanette Garrett, of Ft. Smith Ark., and Margaret Garrett of Troy spent the holidays with the parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Garrett.

Mr. Frank Buck of Panama City, Fla., spent a few days last week with his mother, Mrs. E. M. Buck and sister, Mrs. Tom Tatom.

Messrs Sam and Paul Morgan, of L. S. U., are guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Morgan this week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Hawkins of Midland City, were guests of Elba relatives the latter part of last week.

Miss Beatrice Brunson who teaches in Alabama, Ala., spent the holidays in Elba with home folks.

# The Leopard's Spots

By J. A. WALDRON

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THE doctor of mental, social and physical problems had finished his address to an audience composed of women—many of whom had left buoyant youth behind—and they were filling out of the hotel parlor. Where there were comradeships among them they whispered and gave one another glances colored by enthusiasm, or skepticism, or blank amazement. Some persons called the speaker "the prophet." His public talks were free, but he gave advice privately by appointment, for a consideration. He sat silent and apparently preoccupied as his auditors left. His address had been elevating. He had dwelt upon the power of the individual will, properly directed, for legitimate ends, assuring that certain perfections were within the scope of human concentration on a plane of ideality. He emphasized the necessity for right-doing to win happiness—a notion which would impress the worst if generally adopted. He was a large, impressive man, and his eyes were magnetic. There were those who declared his eyes were hypnotic.

A woman who had been among the later ones to approach the door lingered until she was the last, when she turned. In a moment she had positively made her way back to the solver of problems.

"Couldn't you give me an appointment now?" she asked. Her manner was timid and deferential.

"Your name?" He consulted a pocket diary.

"Melrose—Mrs. Melrose."

He did not find her recorded among his engagements. "It is unusual," he said, "that if you will signify your particular desire, or loss, or trouble, I may give you a moment. You can call upon me later at my apartment in this hotel, if necessary."

"I have lost my husband. I want to find him—want him to come back. He left me suddenly—without warning."

"But, madam, husbands are leaving wives as husbands are leaving husbands and without warning all the time. I don't pretend to offer specific advice after the fact. The results of temperament, or mismanagement, or whatever the cause may be, may not be corrected then. Yet your case may be one in which advice even now might result in benefit. Was there unhappiness—individual or mutual?"

"We were not unhappy. At least I was not unhappy, and my husband did not seem to be. When he was ill-natured it was because I would not give him money."

"Did he marry you for money?"

"He pretended to love me."

"And he went away, perhaps, because you would not meet his demands?"

"On the contrary, I gave him \$5,000 the day before he disappeared."

"Ah! And you had money left?"

She hesitated. "I had a little—few thousand dollars—but he didn't know."

"And you want him back?"

"Yes."

"How long ago did he leave you?"

"Two years. And I have had no word from him—don't know where he is."

"Or even whether he is alive?"

"No."

The doctor of mental, social and physical problems thought for what seemed to Mrs. Melrose to be a long time. "Your love for your husband has survived?"

"Yes. If I could only get him back! I thought you might help me."

"If he should come back and you should have money would it not be the same thing over again?"

"Perhaps he would be sorer and more considerate. I should do everything within reason to please him. I have just received a legacy—a considerable sum from an uncle—but should not want to give him much money again unless he was changed."

"I confess I am a little puzzled, madam, as to your case. Reform is always possible, but sometimes it isn't logical. It rests with the individual. Character may be recast in a way, but in essence it is likely to dominate along original lines of impulse. If you think your husband might be different, and that you might influence him again, and that he may return, try to will it so. It may not be necessary for you to come to me again unless you have some sign—some symbol—related to your desire."

Mrs. Melrose thanked the doctor and left him. A month later she called him on the phone. "I want to thank you again," she said. "I am Mrs. Melrose. You remember me?"

"Yes. I remember you. Your husband had disappeared—and you wished him back."

"He is returning. He was in South America. I have a letter from him."

"Then there is a certain—let me see—sign—a symbol—in line with your desire. I hope you may be happy together."

Melrose did come back. It appeared that he had read of Mrs. Melrose's legacy in an American newspaper. But he left Mrs. Melrose again suddenly and without warning, after a specious story and professions of affection, this time with \$10,000.

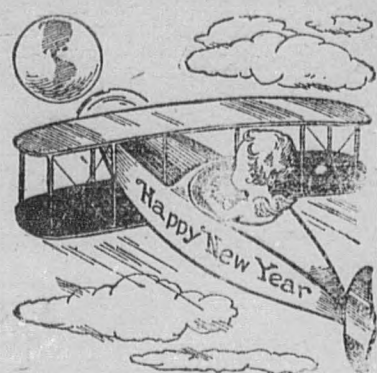
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Twenty-seven—A car ran into a garage.

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## COSBY—RYAN.

A beautiful home wedding was solemnized Sunday morning, Dec. 20, at 9:30 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cosby on Buford Street, when their daughter, Miss Joy, became the bride of Mr. G. E. Ryan.

Miss Mabel Brunson sang "I Love You Truly," accompanied on the piano by Miss Toty Byrd. Then to the strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding March played by Miss Byrd, the party entered. Rev. T. C. Mahan, the officiating minister came first, Mrs. J. W. Kendrick, matron of honor entered unattended, Miss Francis Mitchell, bridesmaid, attended by Mr. Fred Kendrick came next. The bride entered on the arm of the groom. The impressive ring ceremony was used.

The bride carried an arm bouquet of bride's roses and wore a handsome gown of rust colored silk and gold lace hat. She was strikingly beautiful on this occasion. The matron of honor wore a dress of brown velvet, a gold lace hat and carried an arm bouquet of white narcissus and promissory fern. The bride's maid wore a becoming dress of violet silk with hat to match and carried an arm bouquet of white roses and promissory fern.

Immediately after the ceremony the bride attired herself in a beautiful ensemble suit of blue and tan with accessories to match. Amidst congratulations and showers of rice, Mr. and Mrs. Ryan left for a trip to various points in Florida.

Mrs. Ryan is the only child of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cosby. She is a graduate of B. C. I. at Newton, student at Troy Normal and is one of Elba's most beautiful young ladies. She has been reared in Elba and has scores of friends who wish for her a future of happiness.

Mr. Ryan holds a splendid position with a tractor company and has made a number of friends here during his visits.

Mrs. Ryan has been teaching in one of the county schools since the beginning of the school term and will finish her school after the holidays.

When school is over they will make their home in Birmingham.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rainer of Ozark were guests of Elba relatives the first of the week.

# 1925----1926

The year 1925 just passing gave us many warm friends, and it is to these and all others we extend greetings, and hope the year now coming in will shower them with

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## MISCELLANEOUS SHOWER

FOR MISS HAM—

Miss Eloise Ham, a popular bride elect was the honoree at a miscellaneous shower Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 22, given by Miss Henrietta Coston at her home on Davis St.

Miss Elizabeth Rowe greeted the guests in a most cordial manner and ushered them to the receiving line which was composed of Miss Henrietta Coston, Miss Eloise Ham, Mrs. W. J. Ham, Mrs. C. H. Cole and Miss Pattie Cole of Opp, and Mrs. Herbert McLendon of Birmingham.

The guests then were asked to write a wish in the brides book which was presided over by Miss Eva Loy, who gave each guest an attractive favor bearing the names Cole—Ham.

in gold letters. The many beautiful favors were on display in the guest room where Miss Marie Ham presided. Next the guests were shown to the dining room where Mrs. Baker served coffee.

Mrs. Harris Murphree served hot tea and Miss Toty Byrd and Nan Marley served nut bread, wafers and pink and white mints.

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